

24. A new Species of the Genus *Platysma* (Bon.) Tschitscherin, from China. By V. LUTSHNIK, Kiev, Russia*.

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PLATYSMA MANDZHURICUM, sp. n.

Black, shining; legs and mouth-parts pitch-black.

Head large, smooth; front with a longitudinal impression on each side; eyes convex.

Prothorax subquadrate, narrowed behind, sides hardly rounded, not sinuate before base; the basal angles rounded off; anterior margin slightly emarginate; base subtruncate; the median line impressed, ending behind in a punctiform impression; a single deep and very wide, lightly punctate, impression on each side near the basal angles.

Elytra a little wider than prothorax, convex, slightly rounded on sides, truncate at base with the shoulders rounded; apical curve subsinuate on each side; striae strongly impressed, finely punctate; interstices subconvex, third with three punctures.

Under surface impunctate; apical segment (♂) deeply foveolate towards middle and with one setigerous puncture on each side of the anus.

Metasternal episterna slightly elongate.

Length 11.5 mm.

Hab. China: Manchuria (Chandaohedzy, 5. vii. 1914, *A. Alexandrov*).

One male specimen in my collection.

I regard this species as belonging to the subgenus *STEROPINUS*, subgen. nov., which, from its position, seems to be between the subgenera *Steropus* Steph. and *Eosteropus* Tschitsch. The form of the prothorax separates it from *Eosteropus* Tschitsch. and approximates to *Steropus* Steph. From the last subgenus, *Steropinus* Lutshn. differs by its elongate episterna and foveolate anal segment of the abdomen.

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